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For: RUBBER COMPOSITION USABLE IN THE VULCANIZED STATE
AS A TIRE SAFETY SUPPORT AND SUCH A SUPPORT

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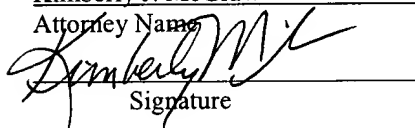
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This is in response to the Office Communication dated November 1, 2002 in the above-identified application in which the Examiner issued a restriction requirement. The Examiner has placed the claims into three groups as follows:

Group I: claims 1-10

Drawn to a rubber composition, classified in class 524, subclass 262

Group II: claims 11-12

Drawn to a process classified in class 526, subclass various



Group III claims 13-26

Drawn to a safety support, classified in Class 152,
subclass various

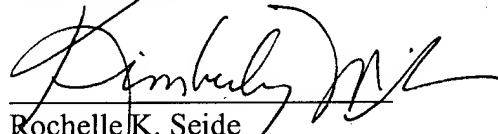
In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute claims 1-10 of Group I, to be examined in this application without prejudice to the prosecution of the subject matter of non-elected claims in other patent applications.

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